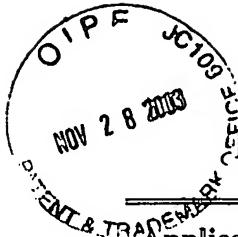


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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

Dear Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed October 22, 2003 setting a one-month shortened-statutory period for response. Since November 22, 2003 was a Saturday, the one-month deadline for response is November 24, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

In response to the requirement for election of one species from the identification of 8 different patentably distinct groups, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the Group VII species corresponding to Figures 14 and 15A-15E without traverse. It is submitted that claims 1-3, 9-10, 15-17, 20, 23 and 24 are readable upon the elected species of Group VII (see description of shunts on page 35, lines 11-18).

It is further submitted that claim 1 is generic to all of the identified species except for Group II, the species of Figure 9. No claims are cancelled by this response.

No fee is deemed necessary. Should any additional fee be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and notify us of the same.

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